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Enclosed, please find a non-final Office action mailed on April 20, 2009, in U.S. application serial no. 10/516,888, including a claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of GB 885,503 and EP 0 696 646 A2 (both references already of record). Please add the enclosed Office action copy to the file wrapper of the above-identified patent.

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